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On December 1, Post delivered reftel talking points to Vasiliy Titushkin of the MFA Legal Department, the Ministry's lead action officer on Antarctic Treaty issues. Titushkin advised us that Russia supports the proposed date and format of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting. He said that the Government of Russia is still considering the makeup of its delegation with a view toward participation at the minister level, and that his office would be able to provide additional information at a later date.

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